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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** Water Division's Comments on EPA Office of Research and Development's Draft Paper, "Evidence of Air Dispersion: HFPO-DA and PFOA in OH/WV Surface Water and Soil Near a Fluoropolymer Production Facility"

**FROM:** Joan Tanaka, *Joan Tanaka*  
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**TO:** Carole Braverman  
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Thank you for the opportunity to review the Office of Research and Development's draft paper, "Evidence of Air Dispersion: HFPO-DA and PFOA in OH/WV Surface Water and Soil Near a Fluoropolymer Production Facility". Enclosed please find the Region 5 Water Division's comments, along with Region 3's comments. I understand that you will be forwarding these comments to Ed O'Hanian, Associate Director of Science in the Office of Water (OW), and Mary Reiley, Operations Research Analyst in OW. Many of our comments are related to the fact that Regions 3 and 5 have done extensive work with Chemours to sample private wells and public water systems that may be at risk to PFAS and have been aware of the fact that air deposition is a major contaminant dispersal mechanism.

If you have any questions about our comments, please contact Tom Poy of my staff.

Enclosures